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PSC ANNOUNCES RULEMAKING ROUNDTABLE ON SENATE BILL 179

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a Senate Bill 179 rulemaking roundtable for interested stakeholders on **Wednesday, August 17, 2005**, in the Secretary of State's Interpretive Center. The roundtable is expected to start at 10:00 a.m. with adjournment at 3:30 p.m.

Senate Bill 179 was signed into law on July 14, 2005, and will take effect on January 1, 2006. The law provides the Public Service Commission with the authority to implement rules for periodic rate adjustments, between rate cases, in the following areas:

Electric Companies: Fuel & Purchased Power Cost Recovery
 Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery

Natural Gas Companies: Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery
 Usage Variations for Weather/Conservation

Water Companies: Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery

"This first meeting will focus on the provisions of the law; the preferred approach regarding how to develop rules for the different parts of the legislation as it relates to the different utilities; identification of the major issues different parties have at this point; discussions regarding the similarities and differences in draft rule versions that have been circulated (if any) and future meeting schedules and structures," said Warren Wood, Director, PSC Utility Operations Division.

Between September 6th and November 21st, several additional meetings on the subject are scheduled for the Governor Office Building's 4th Floor Ballroom.

Roundtables are designed to provide an open exchange of ideas, opinions and information among interested parties.